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To Whom It May Concern:

The Delaware Department of Correction (DDOC) has reviewed the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking --"Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities".

The DDOC believes that cellular phones, smart phones, and other wireless devices pose a serious threat to operating safe and secure correctional facilities. These devices bypass security measures and allow for criminals to contact victims, prey on new victims, plan escapes, plan coordinated assaults on prison staff and other prisoners, and further criminal enterprises from within the walls of a DDOC facility.

The DDOC has had some success with updating legislation that specifically identifies mobile phones, cellular telephones, and other prohibited electronic devices of any kind as prison contraband punishable as a Class F felony; however, the barriers with detection of these devices, and the cooperation with wireless carriers is an obstacle that we hope this effort will eliminate.

The DDOC supports measures to facilitate the development of multiple technological solutions to combat the use of contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities.

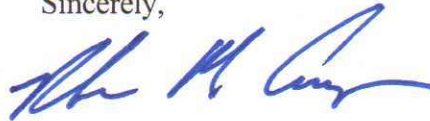
The DDOC supports measures to control prisoners' use of contraband wireless devices to engage in criminal activity. The use of contraband wireless devices is a serious threat to the safety of prison employees, other prisoners, and the general public.

The DDOC supports measures to modify current FCC rules to facilitate spectrum lease agreements between wireless providers and providers or operators of managed access systems used to combat contraband wireless devices.

The DDOC supports measures to require wireless providers to terminate service, if technically feasible, to a contraband wireless device if an authorized correctional facility official notifies the wireless provider of the presence of the contraband wireless device within the correctional facility

The Department is concerned about how these companies will structure costs related to providing these services, and how they may be passed along to the DDOC.

Sincerely,



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